# **Problem Rounds Path Forward Briefing Series**



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Possible Problem Rounds Path Forward Topic Areas for Future Discussion - Problem Rounds Processing Alternatives **COMPLETED** 8 Dec `10 - National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)Process ... COMPLETED ... 26 Jan '11 Determination of potential feeds (types and quantities) 27 Apr '11

Considerations for processing boxed 105mm projectiles 27 Apr '11 Other Topics ...... TBD - Environmental Assessment (EA)/Multi-Pathway Health Risk Assessment (MPHRA) Update .....COMPLETED ...... 29 Jun '11 - Assessment of Bioremediation of EDS Effluent ... COMPLETED ...... 26 Oct '11 

-Final Disposition of the Explosive Destruction Technology (EDT)...... TBD

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**Environmental Assessment and Multiple Pathway Health Risk Assessment Update** 

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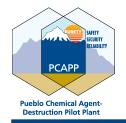












### **Environmental Assessment (EA) Status**

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- ACWA has received Chapters 1, 2, and portion of 3 of the Environmental Assessment and the Draft MPHRA and they are under review by ACWA, EPA Region 8 and CDPHE
- Complete Draft EA due to ACWA this month
- Outcome of EA still anticipated for March 2012 release for public comment.



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#### **Objectives of the MPHRA**

- Evaluate how chemicals reasonably expected to be present in PCAPP air emissions can be transported through the environment and into the food chain
- Assess how different people (human receptors) can directly or indirectly come into contact with these substances (exposure pathways)
- Calculate the cumulative risks (cancer effects) and hazards (non-cancer effects) for each exposure scenario
- Determine if the reasonable maximum estimate of potential risks and hazards are acceptable, if not then a more detailed site specific assessment is warranted



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### **Typical Process for Performing an MPHRA**

- Data Collection and Evaluation
- Exposure Assessment
- Toxicity Assessment
- Risk Characterization
- Uncertainty Analysis



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#### **Data Collection and Evaluation**

- Facility Characterization
  - Emission locations and characteristics
  - Chemicals of Potential Concern
  - Emission Rates
- Air Dispersion and Deposition Modeling
  - Meteorological data processing
  - Locations of human and food-chain receptors
- Exposure Scenario Selection
  - Identify pathways
  - Select exposure values
  - Select transport pathways



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#### **Exposure Assessment**

- Estimating Media Concentrations
  - Air concentrations for inhalation
  - Ground concentrations for inhalation
  - Transfer to livestock
- Quantifying Exposure
  - Direct exposure (inhalation)
  - Indirect exposure (e.g. food-chain)
  - Uptakes by human receptors



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### **Toxicity Assessment**

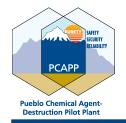
- Toxicity Assessment
  - Cancer slope factors
  - References dose/concentrations
  - Tabulate health effects data

#### **Risk Characterization**

- Characterizing Risk and Hazard
  - Individual and collective cancer risks
  - Individual and collective non-cancer risks

### **Uncertainty Analysis** (not conducted for EDT at this time)

- Interpreting Uncertainty
  - Discuss unknowns
  - Quantify alternate risk estimates



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Preliminary Draft MPHRA results indicate that the health risks associated with the EDT systems in combination with the health risks from the 2007 PCAPP MPHRA are below threshold values